**Introduction**

Leadership development, academic achievement, and service to the community are key elements for success on any university campus. The Student Engagement & Leadership Center (SELC) believes wholeheartedly that students who excel in these areas deserve to be recognized for their accomplishments. The UTEP Student Leadership Awards are crafted to celebrate and pay tribute to the countless hours and contributions student leaders and student organizations make to the campus, the community, the region, and beyond, throughout the academic year.

To review the 2020 Student Organization Award Guidelines, please visit [www.utep.edu/leadershipawards](http://www.utep.edu/leadershipawards).

**Available Awards**

- Agent of Change Award Guidelines
- Emerging Leaders Award Guidelines
- Leaders of Mines Award Guidelines
- Distinguished Leader Award Guidelines
- The Lux Award Guidelines
- Resilient Leader Award Guidelines

**Timeline**

- February 17, 2020: Application opens
- February 26, 2020: The Writing Center seminar for award applicants
- February 27, 2020: The Writing Center seminar for award applicants
- March 11, 2020: Application deadline
- April 04, 2020: Applicants notified
- April 18, 2020: UTEP Student Leadership Awards Ceremony

**For more information**

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On the following pages, you will find information regarding the purpose, eligibility and submission requirements for each award. Applications will only be accepted via Mine Tracker. Please contact the SELC should you require any support.
Agent of Change Award Guidelines

Purpose

Leadership is necessary because Change is necessary. That statement is the root of the Agent of Change Award. This award exists to recognize the UTEP students who have dedicated over 100 hours investing in their capacity to create change in themselves, in their organizations, and in their communities.

Eligibility

The Agent of Change Award is earned by student leaders who have completed the three programs outlined by the Social Change Leadership Series. The recipients of this award will be the students who demonstrate both competence in and application of the Social Change Model for Leadership Development, and their Top 5 CliftonStrengths. There is no limit to the number of recipients who may earn this award, provided they meet all criteria and score 86.4% or above on their Social Change Leadership Award essay.

Submission requirements

1. Essay
   a. Must be submitted as a PDF
   b. 1-inch margins
   c. 12-pt font
   d. Double-spaced
   e. Header formatted as follows: 2020 AOC Award application for (Insert Name)
   f. Essay may not exceed 4 pages
   g. Essay must respond to the following prompt:
      i. How do you define leadership?
      ii. How have you utilized your Top 5 Strengths to identify purposeful and intentional ways to serve as a leader on- and/or off-campus?
      iii. How have you applied the values of Consciousness of Self, Congruence, and Commitment in your role as a leader on- and/or off-campus?
      iv. How have you applied the values of Collaboration, Common Purpose, and Controversy with Civility in your role as a leader on- and/or off-campus?
      v. How have you applied the value of Citizenship in your role as a leader on- and/or off-campus?

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Emerging Leaders Award Guidelines

Purpose

The Emerging Leader Award recognizes first- and second-year students who have begun making noteworthy contributions to the University and/or community.

Eligibility

The Emerging Leader Award is earned by students classified as freshmen or sophomore with a cumulative GPA of 2.75 or higher. These recipients must also hold active membership in an RSO, and have been engaged in one or more UTEP Edge Experiences.

Submission requirements

1. Essay
   a. Must be submitted as a PDF
   b. 1-inch margins
   c. 12-pt font
   d. Double-spaced
   e. Header formatted as follows: 2020 EL Award application for (Insert Name)
   f. Essay may not exceed 4 pages
   g. Essay must respond to the following prompt:
      i. How do you define leadership?
      ii. Discuss your most meaningful engagement experiences with student organizations at UTEP.
      iii. Discuss your most meaningful engagement experiences on campus.
      iv. Discuss your most meaningful engagement experiences and in your community.
      v. Discuss your most meaningful engagement experiences regarding UTEP Edge experiences.

2. References
   a. One reference must be submitted
   b. May be academic or professional
   c. Name
   d. Title/position
   e. Relationship
   f. Email
   g. Phone number

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Leaders of Mines Award Guidelines

Purpose

The Leaders of Mines Award is the University's oldest student leadership recognition. The recipients will be students who have demonstrated significant and sustained leadership while maintaining evidence of quality academic achievement.

Eligibility

The Leaders of Mines Award is earned by students classified as juniors or seniors with a cumulative GPA of 3.25 or higher. These recipients must also have maintained membership in an RSO for at least one academic year, held a leadership role in an RSO for at least one academic year, and have been engaged in two or more UTEP Edge Experiences.

Submission requirements

1. Essay
   a. Must be submitted as a PDF
   b. 1-inch margins
   c. 12-pt font
   d. Double-spaced
   e. Header formatted as follows: 2020 LOM Award application for (Insert Name)
   f. Essay may not exceed 4 pages
   g. Essay must respond to the following prompt:
      i. How do you define leadership?
      ii. Discuss your most meaningful engagement experiences with student organizations at UTEP.
      iii. Discuss your most meaningful engagement experiences on campus.
      iv. Discuss your most meaningful engagement experiences and in your community.
      v. Discuss your most meaningful engagement experiences regarding UTEP Edge experiences.

2. References
   a. Two references must be submitted
   b. May be academic or professional
   c. Name
   d. Title/position
   e. Relationship
   f. Email
   g. Phone number

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**Distinguished Leader Award Guidelines**

**Purpose**

The Distinguished Leader Award is earned by one Leaders of Mines applicant, and recognizes student leaders who have demonstrated excellence in academic achievement as well as campus and community engagement, and have made a contribution to the UTEP community through their leadership.

**Eligibility**

The Distinguished Leader Award is earned by students classified as freshmen or sophomore with a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher. These recipients must also have maintained membership in an RSO for at least two academic years, have held a leadership role in an RSO for at least one academic year, and have been engaged in three or more UTEP Edge Experiences.

**Submission requirements (requirements below equivalent to Leaders of Mines application)**

1. **Essay**
   a. Must be submitted as a PDF
   b. 1-inch margins
   c. 12-pt font
   d. Double-spaced
   e. Header formatted as follows: **2020 LOM Award application for (Insert Name)**
   f. Essay may not exceed 4 pages
   g. Essay must respond to the following prompt:
      i. How do you define leadership?
      ii. Discuss your most meaningful engagement experiences with student organizations at UTEP.
      iii. Discuss your most meaningful engagement experiences on campus.
      iv. Discuss your most meaningful engagement experiences and in your community.
      v. Discuss your most meaningful engagement experiences regarding UTEP Edge experiences.

2. **References**
   a. Two references must be submitted
   b. May be academic or professional
   c. Name
   d. Title/position
   e. Relationship
   f. Email
   g. Phone number

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The Luxe Award Guidelines

Purpose
The Luxe Award recognizes graduate and doctoral students who have demonstrated excellence in academic achievement as well as campus and community engagement, and have made a contribution to the UTEP community through their leadership.

Eligibility
The Luxe Award is earned by students classified as graduate or doctoral, who have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher. These recipients must also have maintained membership in an organization (on-campus, in the community, or otherwise), have held a leadership role in one or more organizations, and have been engaged in at least one UTEP Edge Experience while enrolled in their graduate/doctoral program at UTEP.

Submission requirements

1. Essay
   a. Must be submitted as a PDF
   b. 1-inch margins
   c. 12-pt font
   d. Double-spaced
   e. Header formatted as follows: 2020 LUX Award application for (Insert Name)
   f. Essay may not exceed 4 pages
   g. Essay must respond to the following prompt:
      i. How do you define leadership?
      ii. Discuss your most meaningful engagement experiences with an organizations (at UTEP or otherwise).
      iii. Discuss your most meaningful engagement experiences on campus.
      iv. Discuss your most meaningful engagement experiences and in your community.
      v. Discuss your most meaningful engagement experiences regarding UTEP Edge experiences.

2. References
   a. Two references must be submitted
   b. May be academic or professional
   c. Name
   d. Title/position
   e. Relationship
   f. Email
   g. Phone number

Once completed, upload to Mine Tracker. Essays and other material will not be accepted via email or in-person delivery.
Resilient Leader Award Guidelines

Purpose

The Resilient Leader Award recognizes student leaders who have experienced obstacles on their path to completing their degree.

Eligibility

The Resilient Leader Award is earned by one student who graduated in Fall 2019 or who will be graduating by Summer 2020. The recipient will be a student leader who overcame hardship while positively impacting others.

Submission requirements

1. Essay
   a. Must be submitted as a PDF
   b. 1-inch margins
   c. 12-pt font
   d. Double-spaced
   e. Header formatted as follows: **2020 RL Award application for (Insert Name)**
   f. Essay may not exceed 4 pages
   g. Essay must respond to the following prompt:
      i. How do you define leadership?
      ii. Discuss your most meaningful engagement experiences on campus.
      iii. Discuss your most meaningful engagement experiences and in your community.
      iv. Discuss your most meaningful engagement experiences regarding UTEP Edge experiences.
      v. Discuss the challenge you overcame to complete your degree.
      vi. Discuss an impact you made on campus or in your community, despite your challenges.

2. References
   a. Two references must be submitted
   b. May be academic, professional or personal
   c. Name
   d. Title/position
   e. Relationship
   f. Email
   g. Phone number

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